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## The International Federation of Photographic Art

**DOCUMENT 011/2016 E**

## THE FIAP DISTINCTIONS

**IMPORTANT:** This document supersedes document 007/2015 E. For the distinctions in Audiovisual, see document 2010/307 E.

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1. In order to honour eminent personalities known in the field of photography, the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) has created the following distinctions:
- *for photographic artists known for their artistic work:*

<b>Artist FIAP</b>	<b>AFIAP</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP</b>	<b>EFIAP</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Bronze</b>	<b>EFIAP/b</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Silver</b>	<b>EFIAP/s</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Gold</b>	<b>EFIAP/g</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Platinum</b>	<b>EFIAP/p</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Diamond 1</b>	<b>EFIAP/d1</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Diamond 2</b>	<b>EFIAP/d2</b>
<b>Excellence FIAP Diamond 3</b>	<b>EFIAP/d3</b>
<b>Master FIAP</b>	<b>MFIAP</b>

- *for those who, by their work or their achievements, have contributed to the progress of FIAP or of photography in general:*

<b>Excellence FIAP for Services Rendered</b>	<b>ESFIAP</b>
<b>Honorary Excellence FIAP</b>	<b>HonEFIAP</b>

- 1.2. Only national federations affiliated with FIAP and having paid their annual membership fee can propose their members as candidates for any of the distinctions; they are responsible for the control of all documents transmitted to FIAP. An official of the national federation must sign all applications. All applications should be made on forms prescribed by FIAP. The forms should be completed in one of the official FIAP languages.
- 1.3. In countries, which have no national federation affiliated with FIAP, individual authors can introduce their candidacy through another national federation or through an Individual Member (IRFIAP or ILFIAP).

- 1.4. No discrimination is made between the candidates, amateur or professional photographers alike. No age limit is imposed. No difference is made between prints and projected images.
- 1.5. The final decision whether or not a FIAP distinction is awarded stays with FIAP. Applications for distinctions are examined by a commission consisting of members of the FIAP Board of Directors or of eminent personalities designated by the FIAP Board of Directors. Decisions are taken by simple majority and are not subject to appeal. In the case of the HonEFIAP distinction, the decision must be taken unanimously. In order to ensure the complete independence of the commission, the names of its members are not published.
- 1.6. Awarding a FIAP distinction is considered in all countries as a favour and not as a right.
- 1.7. All FIAP distinctions are awarded for life. Holders of a distinction are allowed to append after their names the initials corresponding to the distinction(s) they hold. However in the event where a holder of FIAP distinction(s) commits a serious offence against FIAP or against a national federation affiliated with FIAP, the distinction(s) can be withdrawn by the FIAP Board of Directors. No appeal is allowed.
- 1.8. For either of the two different categories of distinctions (for "photographic artistry" and for "services rendered"), the persons to whom these distinctions are awarded will only mention the highest distinction. However "EFIAP Levels" and MFIAP may be used concurrently.

## **2. THE AFIAP DISTINCTION**

- 2.1. The distinction "Artist FIAP" (AFIAP) is the first artistic distinction that can be obtained. It is awarded to photographic artists whose artistic qualities, technique and production of work have been acknowledged through their participation in international salons under FIAP Patronage.
- 2.2. **The candidate for this distinction must:**
  - a) Have taken part with success in international salons under FIAP Patronage for at least **1 year**; i.e. his first FIAP-recognised acceptance must have occurred at least **1 year** ago.
  - b) Have taken part with success in at least **15** international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least **8** different countries. In this respect a Circuit is to be considered as a single salon.
  - c) Have obtained at least **40** acceptances with at least **15** different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage.
  - d) Include in his works a minimum of 4 different works, which have each received at least one acceptance in "Print" salons under FIAP Patronage.
- 2.3. **Candidates for AFIAP distinction must submit:**
  - a) A complete application using forms prescribed by FIAP (which can be downloaded from FIAP's website, see 9.1.).
  - b) 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file. All the submitted works must have obtained 3 FIAP - recognised acceptances in different salons. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.
- 2.4. **The following procedure must be followed:**
  - a) Send the completed document (pages A, B and C) and also the digital files of the works by "WeTransfer" to the FIAP Distinctions Service ( [fiapdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiapdistinctions@gmail.com)).
  - b) Send a paper copy of page A (signed by the responsible of the federation) and page B (signed by the candidate) to the FIAP Distinctions Service by postal mail (see info 055/2016)
  - c) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer, also see Info 040/2016.

- 2.5. When the AFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **green** enamel.

### **3. THE EFIAP DISTINCTION**

- 3.1. The distinction "Excellence FIAP" (EFIAP) is awarded to photographic artists who, apart from having excellent techniques, have significant numbers of their works often accepted in many international salons under FIAP Patronage.

3.2. **The candidate for this distinction must:**

- a) Be the holder of the AFIAP distinction. An application for the EFIAP distinction can be made not less than 1 year after the award of the AFIAP distinction, based on the date of the diploma.
- b) Have taken part with success in at least **30** international salons under FIAP Patronage in at least **20** different countries. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.
- c) Have obtained at least **250** acceptances with at least **50** different works in international salons under FIAP Patronage
- d) Include in his works a minimum of 12 different works, which have each received at least one acceptance in "Print" salons under FIAP Patronage.

3.3. **Candidates for EFIAP distinction must submit:**

- a) A completed application using forms prescribed by FIAP (which can be downloaded from FIAP's website, see 9.1.).
- b) 5 photographic works of the candidate in form of a digital file. These works must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for his/her AFIAP distinction. All the submitted works must have obtained at least 3 FIAP-recognised acceptances in different salons and at least 2 works must have obtained an award. These 2 awards must be from different countries and a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

3.4. **The following procedure must be followed:**

- a) Send the completed document (pages A, B and C) and also the digital files of the works by "WeTransfer" to the FIAP Distinctions Service ( [fiapdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiapdistinctions@gmail.com)).
- b) Send a paper copy of page A (signed by the responsible of the federation) and page B (signed by the candidate) to the FIAP Distinctions Service by postal mail (see info 055/2016)
- c) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer, also see Info 040/2016.

- 3.5. When the EFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **red** enamel.

### **4. THE EFIAP LEVELS**

- 4.1. In order to honour photographic artists who, after having received the EFIAP distinction, continue to actively participate in international salons under FIAP Patronage and, by so doing, help to promote photography with their new artistic production, FIAP has instituted seven additional EFIAP levels.

4.2. The candidate for "EFIAP Levels" Distinctions must:

- a) Be the have been the holder of the EFIAP Distinction (or previous EFIAP Levels Distinction) for at least one year from the date of the diploma for that previous distinction
- b) and since the date on the applicant's diploma for the EFIAP Distinction have obtained in total at least in international salons under FIAP Patronage:

For the <b>EFIAP/b</b>	200	acceptances, with 50 different works in 5 different countries
For the <b>EFIAP/s</b>	300	acceptances, with 100 different works in 10 different countries
For the <b>EFIAP/g</b>	500	acceptances, with 150 different works in 15 different countries
For the <b>EFIAP/p</b>	700	acceptances, with 250 different works in 20 different countries

After the date of being award the EFIAP/p distinction or since 1st January 2015, whichever is the later, have obtained:

For the <b>EFIAP/d1</b>	50	awards with 15 different works in 5 different countries
For the <b>EFIAP/d2</b>	100	awards with 30 different works in 7 different countries
For the <b>EFIAP/d3</b>	200	awards with 50 different works in 10 different countries

4.3. **The candidate for an "EFIAP Level" distinction must submit:**

- a) A complete application using forms prescribed by FIAP (which can be downloaded from FIAP's website, see 9.1.).
- b) A number of photographs, which have received awards after the date of the EFIAP distinction diploma, as indicated hereunder:

EFIAP Bronze:	4	photographs awarded in 4 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Silver:	5	photographs awarded in 5 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Gold:	6	photographs awarded in 6 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Platinum:	7	photographs awarded in 7 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Diamond 1:	5	photographs awarded in 5 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Diamond 2:	6	photographs awarded in 6 different countries and different salons
EFIAP Diamond 3:	7	photographs awarded in 7 different countries and different salons

These photographs must be different and not resemble or be similar to those submitted for other distinctions. In this respect a Circuit is considered to be a single salon.

4.4. In each year only one EFIAP level can be applied for and each level - Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond 1, Diamond 2 or Diamond 3 - must be achieved in this sequential order.

4.5. Distinctions "EFIAP Levels" and MFIAP are cumulative. An author, who holds these two distinctions, can use the initials of both distinctions after his/her name.

4.6. **The following procedure must be followed:**

- a) Send the completed document (pages A, B and C) and also the digital files of the works by "WeTransfer" to the FIAP Distinctions Service ( [fiapdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiapdistinctions@gmail.com)).
- b) Send a paper copy of page A (signed by the responsible of the federation) and page B (signed by the candidate) to the FIAP Distinctions Service by postal mail (see info 055/2016)
- c) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer, also see Info 040/2016.

- 4.7. When the EFIAP level is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with red enamel combined with a distinctive addition for each level: bronze colour for EFIAP/b, silver colour for EFIAP/s, gold colour for EFIAP/g and black-platinum colour for EFIAP/p. For the EFIAP Diamond levels another badge will be created.

## 5. THE MFIAP DISTINCTION

- 5.1. The distinction "Master Photographer of FIAP" (MFIAP) is awarded to a photographic artist in recognition of his/her entire achievements in the field of artistic photography. MFIAP is the third step, after AFIAP and EFIAP, in the FIAP distinctions awarded for personal successes in photography.

The candidate must have been the holder of the EFIAP distinction for at least 3 years, based on the date of the diploma.

### 5.2. The candidate for this distinction must submit:

- a) A complete curriculum vitae using forms prescribed by FIAP. The text should be written in one of the official FIAP languages.
- b) A portfolio of 20 images numbered from 1 to 20 (black and white prints or colour prints). The prints or support must measure 30 x 40 cm or A3. A portfolio-style of presentation is required. The weight of the complete portfolio should not exceed 2 kilograms.

This collection must be coherent from its conception to its realisation and presentation.

- c) An introductory text that describes the subject and the creative concept of the photographic artist. The text must be written in one of the official FIAP languages.
- d) The fee has to be paid to the FIAP Treasurer.

- 5.3. A list of acceptances and prizes obtained in international salons under FIAP Patronage is not necessary and these will not be taken into consideration when examining the application.

- 5.4. Applications for MFIAP (documents of 5.2.) must be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail ( [fiapdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiapdistinctions@gmail.com) ).

- 5.5. The works and the CD-ROM (with the digital version of the collection so that FIAP can reproduce the works to their original quality in case the original images are deteriorate) must be sent to the person responsible for the MFIAP dossiers together with the pages "A" and "B" signed and the introductory text.

- 5.6. The portfolios will be examined at one of the ordinary meetings of the FIAP Board of Directors. The FIAP Board of Directors may call upon the advice of any qualified person. The MFIAP distinction is awarded by simple majority of the members of the FIAP Board of Directors. If the MFIAP distinction is not awarded, the candidate will receive a written explanation for the rejection.

- 5.7. If the portfolio of the author is accepted, it becomes the property of FIAP. The collection of works of holders of the MFIAP distinction can be used by FIAP for exhibitions or other events for the benefit of FIAP. The digital images of the accepted MFIAP candidate will be published on the FIAP Web Site. It must be possible to open this file with Adobe Photoshop software.

- 5.8. When the MFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **yellow** enamel.

## 6. THE ESFIAP DISTINCTION

- 6.1. The distinction "Excellence for Services Rendered" (ESFIAP) is awarded to those persons who have given exceptional service over a long period for the benefit of FIAP.

- 6.2. Holders of the photographic distinctions AFIAP, EFIAP and MFIAP may also be nominated for the ESFIAP distinction if they fulfil the criteria.
- 6.3. Applications for the ESFIAP distinction must comprise a completed dossier with a curriculum vitae and a detailed description of the services rendered by the candidate. The application should be made with the form prescribed by FIAP. The text must be written in one of the official FIAP languages. The application must be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail ( [fiapdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiapdistinctions@gmail.com)).
- 6.4. Applications for the ESFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- 6.5. The applications for ESFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.
- 6.6. When the ESFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **black** enamel.

## 7. THE HonEFIAP DISTINCTION

- 7.1. The "Honorary Excellence FIAP" (HonEFIAP) distinction is the highest honour the International Federation of Photographic Art can award to the holder of the ESFIAP distinction. The number of living holders of this distinction is limited to a number set by the FIAP Board of Directors.
- 7.2. The HonEFIAP distinction is awarded by the FIAP Board of Directors. A unanimous vote of the members of this Board is required.
- 7.3. Any extraordinary contribution of an international nature to the development of photography or of photographic art will be taken into account as will be any exceptional service that has contributed to the progress of FIAP.
- 7.4. The application for a HonEFIAP distinction should comprise a complete curriculum vitae and a full description of the services that justify the candidacy. A form prescribed by FIAP should be used. The application, written in one of the official FIAP languages, should be sent to the FIAP Distinction Service by electronic mail ( [fiapdistinctions@gmail.com](mailto:fiapdistinctions@gmail.com)).
- 7.5. Applications for the HonEFIAP distinction are handled free of charge.
- 7.6. The applications for HonEFIAP are examined by the FIAP Board of Directors at one of its ordinary meetings.
- 7.7. When the HonEFIAP distinction is awarded, the candidate will receive a diploma and a badge with **white** enamel.

## 8. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 8.1. The FIAP Photographer's Life Card

Any candidate for a photographic distinction of FIAP must be holder of a FIAP Photographer's Card. At the time of a subsequent request for a new photographic distinction, the Photographer's Card will be replaced free.

The requests for distinctions must mention in page "A" of the form for distinctions the number of the Photographer's Card.

- 8.2. The same work submitted to more than one salon under FIAP Patronage or to FIAP Biennials must always bear the **same title**.

- 8.3. Works “without title” will not be accepted by the Distinctions Service as counting towards applications for distinctions.
- 8.4. The acceptance of a **series of prints** or projected images is taken into account as 1 acceptance.
- 8.5. For the AFIAP and EFIAP distinctions, maximum 20% of the required acceptances in international salons under FIAP Patronage can be acquired by **youth salons or FIAP Youth Biennials**; the other 80% of required acceptances in international salons under FIAP Patronage have to be gained in normal salons open to anyone.
- 8.6. Within reasonable limits national federations have the right to add national requirements for the AFIAP and EFIAP distinctions.  
If the required number of acceptances is reached, the application for the distinction has to be forwarded to FIAP, without any supplementary judging of the works
- 8.7. **Application fee:**  
For every application for an AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP level or MFIAP an application fee must be paid to the FIAP Treasurer. The amount is determined by the FIAP Board of Directors. The fee is to cover the cost of examining the application and, if the application is granted, the dispatch of the diploma and the badge.  
Applications will only be processed after the FIAP Treasurer has received the application fee.
- 8.8. When a distinction application is rejected, the applicant must wait for at least one year before submitting a new application. If the application of a MFIAP candidate is rejected, the MFIAP applicant must wait for at least 3 years before submitting a new application. The candidate must send an updated dossier and, if necessary, other photographic works. In all cases of rejection, the applicant must again pay the application fee. A person may only make a maximum of 3 applications for MFIAP.
- 8.9. All photographic works presented by the candidate for AFIAP, EFIAP and EFIAP Levels Distinctions should be accompanied by a **list giving the acceptances**, medals and diplomas obtained in salons under FIAP Patronage (page C of the dossier). The national federations have to verify all the acceptances.
- 8.10. Whether or not the distinction is awarded, the digital files of the works **become the property of FIAP**. They will become part of the artistic patrimony of FIAP. FIAP reserves the right to use or reproduce in his favour without compensation to the author. By the way of example and without limitation, FIAP can put the works in collections, publications or photographic events on condition that the name and surname of the author is mentioned.
- 8.11 The photographic works must be sent as digital files by “WeTransfer” with the following properties:- format JPEG, compression 10, and at least 3600 pixels on the longest dimension.
- 8.12. **Name of the files:**  
UN Code of the Federation (or ILFIAP number) + underscore + First name + underscore + Name + underscore + Title of the work + .jpg  
Example: 056\_Bart\_Peeters\_Sunrise.jpg

## 9. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- 9.1. The **application forms** for distinctions are available on FIAP’s website in Excel format, which facilitates downloading and completion by the applicants by "Copy/Paste". It will also enable FIAP to extract the data from these forms without errors when the files are sent by electronic mail.  
The application forms for distinctions can be downloaded on FIAP’s website: [www.fiap.net/docs\\_distinctions.php](http://www.fiap.net/docs_distinctions.php).

On these forms, the federations may replace the second language by a local language of the country.

- 9.2. The national federations are required to group the various applications and to present them to FIAP **only once a year**. The applications must reach FIAP at least three months before the national federation wishes to receive the diplomas and badges.

## 10. **SOME DEFINITIONS**

### **International salon under FIAP Patronage:**

Any photographic salon organized in accordance with the rules laid down in the regulations "FIAP Patronage" and having been awarded the patronage by the FIAP Patronage Service (mention the Patronage number on the forms)

### **Photographic work:**

Black and white or colour works in the form of prints, projected images, or series of prints or projected images

### **Series of prints or projected images:**

A series of prints or projected images to be viewed in a predetermined order and without any sound, or a series of prints or projected images about one subject forming a whole.

### **Acceptance:**

Any photographic work that has been selected by the jury of the salon for inclusion in the exhibition or projected image presentation or catalogue

### **Award:**

Any special recognition given to a photographic work by the jury of the salon in the form of a prize, a medal, an honourable mention or a diploma.

***See also "FIAP DISTINCTIONS – PRACTICAL INFORMATION"***

*This regulation comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.*

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